

**Medical Direction Committee**  
**January 6, 2011**  
**10:30 am**  
**Office of EMS**  
**1041 Technology Park Drive**  
**Glen Allen, VA 23059**

<b>Members Present:</b>	<b>Members Absent:</b>	<b>Staff:</b>	<b>Others:</b>
Theresa Guins, M.D. Allen Yee, M.D. Asher Brand, M.D. George Lindbeck, M.D. Mark Franke, M.D. Nael Hasan, M.D.	Scott Weir, M.D. Cheryl Lawson, M.D. Stewart Martin, M.D. Marilyn McLeod, M.D. Charles Lane, M.D.	Tom Nevetral Gary Brown Greg Neiman Michael Berg Gary Brown Carol Morrow Jo Richmond Warren Short	James Dudley, M.D.

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<b>I. Welcome</b>	The meeting was called to order at 10:35 AM by Chairperson Asher Brand, M.D. Quorum was present.	
<b>II. Introductions</b>	Asher Brand, M.D. welcomed Nael Hasan, M.D. who will represent the Rappahannock EMS Council.	
<b>III. Approval of Minutes</b>		<b>Motion by Mark Franke, M.D. and seconded by Allen Yee, M.D. to approve the January 6, 2011 MDC meeting minutes...Motion passed.</b>
<b>IV. AHA/VDH Stroke Systems Plan Update –</b>	No report.	
<b>V. New Business</b>		
a. Statewide Weapons of Mass Destruction Treatment	Statewide Weapons of Mass Destruction Treatment Guidelines – March 2006 document was presented to be reviewed and updated as needed.	<b>Tabled until the April meeting to give committee members additional time to</b>

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Guidelines – March 2006	<p>This document was originally completed in March 2006 and approved by the Medical Direction Committee and the State EMS Advisory Board. The committee requested that this document be sent in a MS Word format with track changes enabled to facilitate update. Unfortunately, the document was produced utilizing a flow chart software program and it will not accommodate the MS Word format with track changes turned on.</p> <p>Changes should be noted and submitted to Tom Nevetral for inclusion into a draft document for the next meeting.</p>	<p><b>review the document for possible revisions.</b></p> <p><b>Updates should be submitted to Tom Nevetral (<a href="mailto:thomas.nevetral@vdh.virginia.gov">thomas.nevetral@vdh.virginia.gov</a>) no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>.</b></p>
b. New Virginia OMD Organization	<p>Mark Franke, M.D. advised that OMDs were polled questioning if there was interest in forming an OMD organization in the Commonwealth. Of the OMDs polled 30% expressed interest in this organization to discuss EMS issues. Consensus of the Medical Direction Committee was that this was an excellent idea and need.</p>	<p><b>It was suggested that the Formulary Committee should discuss the issue requiring actual signatures and the licensing of drug and drug boxes.</b></p>
c. DEA Ruling on Electronic Signatures	<p>Michael Berg, Regulation &amp; Compliance Manager advised that the use of electronic signatures on patient care reports and other documents must meet the new DEA requirements for security and validation as prescribed in the Final Rule (<a href="http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecomm/e_rx/faq/eapplications.htm">http://www.deadiversion.usdoj.gov/ecomm/e_rx/faq/eapplications.htm</a>).</p> <p>The routine use of electronic signatures of the “authorized practioner” as defined in the <i>Virginia Emergency Medical Services Regulations</i> 12 VAC5-31-1140 on the various applications and devices used in the field setting (electronic tablets, etc) must be certified by a recognized third party to comply with the new DEA standards and criteria.</p> <p>To view the entire memorandum go to the following OEMS webpage: <a href="http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Regulations/index.htm">http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/OEMS/Regulations/index.htm</a> and click on “DEA Ruling on Electronic Signatures for Prescribed Drugs”.</p> <p>Mr. Berg further stated that presently no vendor meets the software requirements for electronic signatures.</p>	<p><b>It was mentioned that “DEA/BOP Compliance Issues” be an on-going agenda item for future Medical Direction Committee meetings.</b></p>
d. Standards of Excellence	<p>Jo Richmond and Carol Morrow made a presentation on the Standards of Excellence (SoE) and reviewed three documents with the committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standards of Excellence Fact Sheet</li> </ol>	<p><b>Carol Morrow (<a href="mailto:carol.morrow@vdh.virginia.gov">carol.morrow@vdh.virginia.gov</a>) requested the Medical Direction Committee review the attached documents and forward any feedback to her as soon as</b></p>

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	<p>2. Standards of Excellence Accreditation Application</p> <p>3. Component 5 Medical Direction</p> <p>The Standards of Excellence is an accreditation program to assist agencies to determine “where they are and where they need to go” to improve on EMS agency management and the recruiting and retention of EMS providers.</p> <p>The process will be pilot tested in March 2011. When the process is approved technical assistance teams will go out and work with agencies to develop Standards of Excellence.</p> <p>The Medical Direction Committee reviewed; Component 5 – Medical Direction section of the document and commented on 5.11 under “Explanation” “The Medical Director is accountable for all clinical and administrative functions of the organization for which he/she has oversight, authority or responsibility.”</p>	<p>possible.</p> <p><b>It was agreed that the language “administrative functions of the organization” be removed from this statement.</b></p>
<b>VI. Old Business</b>		
a. Trauma Triage Plan Update	<p>Asher Brand, M.D. advised the Trauma System Oversight (TSO) committee made the following motion at the November State EMS Advisory Board meeting: The State EMS Advisory Board moves to adopt the Statewide Trauma Triage Plan as written in Appendix E of the <i>Quarterly Report to the State EMS Advisory Board</i> to include a sentence to be inserted after the last sentence in the paragraph that states “individual regional and local systems may adapt the Trauma Triage Plan to reflect the operational context in which they function.”</p>	
b. By-laws Discussion Update	<p>One of the Members at Large (MAL) seats was vacated by Sabina Braithwaite, M.D. and it was suggested that this seat be filled with a trauma physician.</p> <p>Theresa Guins, M.D. was appointed by the EMS for Children Committee as their MAL representative.</p>	<p><b>Motion by Mark Franke, M.D. to nominate Forrest Calland for the Member at Large vacancy and seconded by Allen Yee, M.D...Motion passed.</b></p>
c. Hemorrhage Control Whitepaper	<p>Scott Weir, M.D. continues to hold the other MAL seat.</p> <p>Asher Brand, M.D. presented the draft Hemorrhage Control whitepaper to the group for comments.</p> <p>It was suggested that several projects should be considered at future</p>	<p><b>Motion by Allen Yee, M.D. to allow Asher Brand, M.D. to wordsmith the draft Hemorrhage Control whitepaper and</b></p>

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	meetings to include but not limited to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Termination of Resuscitation – George Lindbeck, M.D., Nael Hasan, M.D., &amp; Allen Yee, M.D.</li> <li>2. Refusals – George Lindbeck, M.D.</li> <li>3. C-spine Clearance – Mark Franke, M.D. &amp; George Lindbeck, M.D.</li> </ol>	<b>forward to the State EMS Advisory Board for approval and on to the Regional EMS Councils. Seconded by Mark Franke, M.D...Motion passed.</b>
<b>VII. Research Requests</b>	None	
<b>VIII. State OMD Issues</b>		
a. Statewide Guidelines & Formulary Project Update	The formulary workgroup has completed their work but were advised that they could be called back as needed. The next step for the formulary group is to have Michael Berg and George Lindbeck, M.D. work to compile the medication policies from the Office of EMS and the Board of Pharmacy and other entities into a single reference document.	
b. EMS Medical Director Training Programs	The next EMS Medical Director Training Program will be held February 12-13.	
c. On-line Medical Director Training Program	George Lindbeck, M.D. is working on modifying the Medical Director Training Program. The legal presentation is well received. He anticipates a year long curriculum which will be required to be modified for the following year to keep it fresh. He anticipates four quarterly courses and one at the EMS Symposium in November and one at the Homestead.	
d. On-line Medical Direction Project	This project is progressing.	
<b>IX. EMS Training Funds &amp; Accreditation – Chad Blosser</b>	<p>Chad Blosser reminded everyone that with the promulgation of the new EMS Regulations “optional” EMT accreditation will be available for those wishing to pursue it. Accreditation will be required for the Advanced EMT certification level and the self-study is available on-line for agencies wishing to begin that process.</p> <p>Intermediate programs wishing to become accredited for paramedic programs need to initiate their self study for CoAEMSP accreditation to meet their deadline for accreditation by January 1, 2013.</p>	
<b>X. ALS Programs Issues – Tom Nevetral</b>	Tom Nevetral advised that there will be an ALS-Coordinator Seminar (Administrative Program) for those ALS providers who wish to become	

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	ALS-Coordination on January 29-30, 2011 in the Richmond area. Forty-four candidates were invited and twenty-nine candidates made reservations to attend the program.	
<b>XI. BLS Programs Issues - Greg Neiman</b>	Greg Neiman advised that an EMT-Basic practical exam for Instructor Candidates was recently held with fifteen candidates reserving a slot, twelve candidates showed up for testing and one candidate failed. There are currently eight or nine candidates eligible for the EMT Instructor Institute in February.	
<b>XII. Regulation &amp; Compliance - Michael Berg</b>	Michael Berg advised that the EMS Regulations have been forwarded to the Health Commissioner to be signed with the Board of Health to meet later and confirm her signature.	
<b>XIII. Public Comment</b>	None	
<b>XIV. For the Good of the Order</b>	None	
<b>XV. Adjourn</b>	Meeting adjourned.	<b>2011 Meeting Dates:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• April 7, 2011</li> <li>• July 7, 2011</li> <li>• October 6, 2011</li> </ul>